

For additional resources on drug related behaviors:

TOGETHER! Community Prevention Organization
www.thurstontogether.org/Pubs/Parenting/Meth_fa.pdf

National Institute on Drug Abuse
www.drugabuse.gov

For additional resources on signs of a drug lab:

The M Files: Meth and Marijuana Resource Tool
www.mfiles.org

If you suspect a meth lab on your property contact:

Local Law Enforcement

Anonymous Meth Hotline
1-888-609-6384

For more copies, please contact:
Washington State Department of Health
Office of Environmental Health & Safety
Local Health Support Section
PO Box 47825
Olympia, WA 98504-7825
1-888-586-9427

Or visit our Web site:
www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/CDL.HTM



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Preventing Drug Labs on **RENTAL** Property



Small changes can protect your investment

Be Aware To Avoid Costly Damage

FACTS: Over half of residential drug labs are found on rental property.

Property owners are responsible for decontamination costs.

Decontamination costs average \$7700 for a 1200 sq. ft. home.

When drug criminals operate out of rental property, owners pay a high price

- Loss of rent
- Civil penalties
- Damaged property
- Decline in property values
- Dangerous, threatening tenants
- Resentful and angry neighbors

Take Action To Protect Your Property

At the time of rental application:

- Ensure application is complete
- Conduct background check for:
 - Rental history Employment history
 - Credit report Criminal background
- Meet every adult moving into the unit and require picture identification
- Be aware of applicant's appearance and behaviors

Maintain your property on a regular basis:

- Drive by the property
- Schedule visits with tenants
- Talk with neighbors



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